Welcome to Worship: Thank you for making Grace-St. Luke’s part of your spiritual journey and for joining us today for this virtual worship offering. If you are new among us, please complete an online Connect Card at gracestlukes.org/online-visitor-card. Our clergy-staff team would like to reach out to learn more about you and to explore how life at Grace-St. Luke’s might bless your journey and you bless ours. For more about our thriving faith community including online formation (learning) offerings, please visit www.gracestlukes.org.

Celebrant: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher
Assisting: The Rev. Laura F. Gettys

Preacher: The Rev. Buddy Stallings

All are asked to observe silence during the Voluntary: “Wondrous Love”

Welcome and Announcements
The Penitential Order: Rite Two

The congregation is invited to remain seated and meditate on the text of the opening hymn while the cantors and organist sing. Those worshiping from home are invited to join in singing. See page 9 regarding in-person congregational singing.

Hymn 495, stanzas 1-3, “HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS!”

music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710
words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

All stand.

Celebrant  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People       His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant and People kneel or stand for

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.
Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.
You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. 

Silence may be kept.

**Minister and People**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Kyrie eleison**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  **Kyrie eleison.**

Christ, have mercy upon us. **Christe eleison.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  **Kyrie eleison.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the Lessons.

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah** 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God. Silence
Psalm 51:1-13 recited by all in unison

1  Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
2  Wash me through and through from my wickedness *  
and cleanse me from my sin.
3  For I know my transgressions, *  
and my sin is ever before me.
4  Against you only have I sinned *  
and done what is evil in your sight.
5  And so you are justified when you speak *  
and upright in your judgment.
6  Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
7  For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
8  Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
9  Make me hear of joy and gladness, *  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
10  Hide your face from my sins *  
and blot out all my iniquities.
11  Create in me a clean heart, O God, *  
and renew a right spirit within me.
12  Cast me not away from your presence *  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
13  Give me the joy of your saving help again *  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God. Silence

All stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel

12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Gospeller  The Gospel of the Lord
People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon: The Rev. Buddy Stallings

The Priest invites the People to stand for The Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those reflected on the prayer list and for those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, and for those we now name either silently or aloud [N.N.], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

All stand for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Celebrant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.
The Offertory

The Celeb rant first offers instructions about the ministration of communion. Then the Celeb rant and Assisting Priest wash their hands with soapy warm water and sanitize them. During the setting of the Holy Table, financial offerings may be made to support life at Grace-St. Luke’s: visit graceslukes.org/onlinegiving; text GSLChurch ALMS to 73256 to give to ALMS; text GSLChurch PLEDGE to 73256 to give to your PLEDGE; or you may mail offerings to the church office. Our 2021 stewardship campaign, Resilience and Connection by Giving, is seeking 100% participation from all parishioners: visit graceslukes.org/pledge. For information about worship, formation for all ages, ways to connect, serve and more, visit www.graceslukes.org.

Music at the Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celeb rant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celeb rant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.
The Lord’s Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The People are seated or may kneel to prepare to receive communion.*

The Ministration of Holy Communion

*After receiving the Bread, the priests immediately proceed to the nave to give the Bread to the people by coming to each pew pod. The Bread is given to communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen or The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.*

Anthem at Communion

“WASH ME THROUGHLY”  

music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)  
words: Psalm 51:2-3

> Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.  
> For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

During communion, Spiritual Communion Prayers are offered by those worshipping via livestream.

Spiritual Communion Prayers

These rich words are recited daily throughout the church catholic (universal) by individuals and communities unable to gather for public worship for whatever reason, while also longing for the occasion to participate in the Episcopal Church’s central practice of receiving the Holy Sacrament.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, remembering Grace-St. Luke’s Church and those worshiping and receiving communion at this time, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.
Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Let us bow our hearts before the Lord.

The Celebrant says
Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The congregation is invited to remain seated and meditate on the text of the opening hymn while the cantors and organist sing. Those worshiping from home are invited to join in singing. See page 9 regarding in-person congregational singing.

Hymn 439, “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”

music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835
words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835
The Dismissal

The people are dismissed with these words
Minister Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: “FUGUE IN G MINOR, BWV 578” Johann Sebastian Bach

Exiting The Pews. Please remain seated throughout the organ voluntary. After the voluntary is finished, ushers will be available in the aisles to direct all exiting in a distanced manner via the narthex only (south entrance behind you) using the east doors only (left as you approach). The Clergy and Welcome Hosts will be stationed in the narthex and outside to exchange greetings.

Continue the day, giving thanks to God for blessings known and known, and by reaching out in care for fellow parishioners, neighbors, and any persons in need. Members of the parish with any needs or pastoral concerns: email pastoralcare@gracestlukes.org or dial 901-252-6320, and for hospitalizations or emergencies, dial the 24/7 Clergy-on-Call phone line at 901-252-6334.

The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Celebrant
The Rev. Buddy Stallings, Preacher
The Rev. Laura F. Gettys, Assisting
Dr. Patrick A. Scott, Director of Music & Organist
Elisabeth Hornor, Amy Wilson, Daniel Massey, & Andrew Carroll, Cantors
Ed Griffith, Lucy Owens, Livestream Support

A note regarding congregational singing: Current research is comparing singing to that of sneezing or coughing—claiming that the aerosols that are produced while coughing/sneezing/singing may go further than 6 feet (think of a can of aerosol hairspray); even if wearing a mask, some of the aerosol particles may still be released into the air. The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of West Tennessee are recommending that congregations refrain from singing until it is safe to do so. Our diocese has approved parishes to have 4 singers in the Chancel area that are placed 17 feet apart from each other and from congregation members.
A Message from the Rector

Steadfast Love: A Lavish Gift. Father Henri Nouwen reflects for the Wednesday in the Fourth Week in Lent: “Forgiveness is the great divine gift offered to us by Jesus. It is not a human possibility to forgive sins. If Jesus could forgive those who nailed him to the cross, we can, by God’s grace, forgive others as God has forgiven us—unconditionally, with no strings attached.” – The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Rector (Read the full text: gracestlukes.org/news/steadfast-love-a-lavish-gift)

Take Note

Holy Week and Easter at GSL. For information about daily offerings for Palm Sunday through Easter Day, visit gracestlukes.org/news/lent-holy-week-and-easter and bookmark this page to watch for updates including advanced sign-up for some offerings.

What Happens When Pledging Is Down? Follow this link (gracestlukes.org/news/a-message-from-the-sr-warden-february-2021) for a message from Senior Warden Charlie Pazar about the importance of 100% participation in financial giving to support GSL.

Easter Gifts Easter Gifts. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one for Easter, you may send a check to the church office. Please list the names of those you would like remembered and indicate whether your gift should be designated for “Easter Flowers” or “MTAM” (More than a Meal). Names will be listed in the Easter leaflets if received by March 25. You may also give online under “Memorials and Honoraria” at gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving.

Worship and Music

GSL Lenten Theme: Light In Deepest Night. Based on the title of a work of choral music and spoken meditations by Aaron David Miller drawing from the writings of Julian of Norwich, “Light in Deepest Night” is the theme for Lent 2021 at GSL. Our Sunday 10:30 a.m. series continues March 21 with a sermon offered by the Rev. Buddy Stallings following the Reverends Ollie V. Rencher, Anne S. Carriere, Dr. Stuart Hoke, and Laura F. Gettys. For more information and to explore the text that preachers are incorporating into sermons, visit tinyurl.com/lightindeepestnight.

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist with Music, in person and virtual. Follow this link (tinyurl.com/GSLWorshipSignup) to sign up for in-person worship by noon Saturday; seating is limited to a maximum of 36 households. Access livestream services via GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live), YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes) and Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

5:30 p.m. Contemplative Prerecorded Worship with the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher and guest musician, Jeanne Simmons, flute, via the GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live), Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live), and YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes). For details, visit gracestlukes.org/news/contemplative-prerecorded-events.

WEEKDAYS

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Compline (Night Prayers), 8 until 8:15 p.m. via Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live).

Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure

Gratitude for Your Giving. All giving benefits life at GSL. Thank you for the past, present, and future giving of your time, talent, and treasure of money to support annual and weekly parish ministry and operations, special initiatives, and our evolving planned giving (The Cornerstone Society). For information about sustaining our faith community with your gifts, contact Stewardship Associate Chapman Morrow (cmorrow@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6328) and/or visit gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving.

Christian Formation

Life at GSL Sunday and Weekday Offerings. Explore and share with others the Life at GSL Winter-Spring 2021 Guide (gracestlukes.org/discover/life-at-gsl-guide) for Sunday guest speakers, Wednesday events, and more including plans for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Adults. (gracestlukes.org/adult-formation)

Sign Up Today for the Lenten Bible Study March 24 & 31: Spiritual Encouragement through Philippians. Join Dr. Dan Pigg on Zoom for a bible study on the book of Philippians. For more information and the sign-up link, visit gracestlukes.org/midweek-formation.

Sunday 9:15 a.m. March 21: The Church Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow with the Rev. Renee Miller via the GSL website (gracestlukes.org/live), Facebook Live (facebook.com/gracestlukes/live), and YouTube (youtube.com/gracestlukes). In January, author, poet, and Episcopal priest Renee Miller of Monterey, California, spent virtual retreat time with Grace-St. Luke’s Vestry and Clergy-Staff Team members reflecting on the current landscape of the Church. As Christians observe and experience pandemic shifts and challenges, unchartered territory, and commit to the Church’s survival, this reflection offering seeks to provide some wisdom about how the Church has thrived in difficult situations throughout the centuries. | Looking Ahead, March 28: Jesus the Radical: Reflections by the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher. For more about Sunday morning adult formation, explore gracestlukes.org/sunday-morning.
Youth. (gracestlukes.org/youth-formation)

Sunday, March 21: EYC in person, outside, masked, and together! Join us this Sunday for our new spring hours: 6th-8th grades, 4-5 p.m.; 7th-9th grades, 5-6 p.m.

For more information and to be added to the Youth Formation email list, please contact Director of Youth Formation Amzie Williams (awilliams@gracestlukes.org).

Children. (gracestlukes.org/childrens-formation)
The Children’s Activity Bag for Holy Week & Easter will be delivered on Palm Sunday (March 28).

The Children’s Lenten Video photo and video submissions are requested by Monday, March 22. All families are invited to help recreate the story of The Easter Cave by Carol Wedeven. You can find project details and instructions here (tinyurl.com/LentenVideoProject) and a read-aloud of the book can be found on the GSL Children’s Formation Facebook page (facebook.com/GSLChildrensFormation).

At this Sunday’s 20-minute Virtual Prayer Table, we’ll talk about Psalm 51, mistakes, and the gift of forgiveness. As we ponder the words “Create in me a clean heart, O God,” we’ll think about how it feels when we make a mistake, why it’s important to be honest about it, and make a genuine effort to repair what’s broken. All children are welcome to join Ms. Sharon at 11:30 on Zoom.

For more information and to be added to the Children’s Formation email list, please contact Director of Children’s Formation Sharon Campbell (scampbell@gracestlukes.org).

Recreation and Wellness

What To Expect For the 2021 Spring Soccer Season. Follow this link for details: gracestlukes.org/spring-soccer.

What To Expect For the 2021 Baseball, Softball, T-Ball Season. Follow this link for details: gracestlukes.org/playball.

Yoga with Shantih, Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Follow this link (gracestlukes.org/events/yoga-with-shantih) for signup details and Zoom info.

Community Life

The Messenger Magazine. The February-March issue is available for download by following this link (gracestlukes.org/the-messenger). Included in this issue is a copy of Life at GSL—Winter-Spring 2021 Guide, a comprehensive publication of Christian formation offerings for all ages through May, articles on the 100th Anniversary of GSL Scout Troop 34, Social Justice, Outreach, and much more. The April-May issue will be released soon!

Social Justice

Social Justice Meeting, Wednesday, March 24, 6-7 p.m. Please join the GSL Social Justice Ministry for its monthly meeting as we explore our call as beloved community and live into our baptismal covenant of “striving for justice and peace among all people.” By signing up, you will receive all of the necessary meeting information including the Zoom link. If you have any questions, you can contact Nicki Soule, Jennie Vandeveer, Paula Barnes, or the Rev. Laura F. Gettys via Realm Connect (gracestlukes.org/realm).

Outreach

2021 Canvases Art Auction. MIDOUTH Sober Living is a nonprofit program founded in 2008 for the purpose of creating sober living/transitional housing centers for people who are new in recovery. Their annual fundraiser, the Canvases Art Auction, is back! This year it will be online only, open from 22-26 March. You may view the auction catalog and register to bid at the event website (tinyurl.com/MSSLCanvases). To learn more about our Servant Ministry Partner MSL, see their website (midsouthsoberliving.org).

It’s Been a Year. Jonathan Large noted the first anniversary of serving More Than A Meal (or “Just a Meal”) curbside on Sunday. It’s been a year—indeed it has! Crews of dedicated volunteers have continued to serve our neighbors in need in this key “in-house” ministry. Of course we don’t go it alone on this mission, but we host great partner teams and provide the bulk of the serving crew. Teams have continued to prepare some meals in advance, some in our kitchen, and have served curbside meals to anyone who asks, in all kinds of weather—including record cold and snow! We don’t know when or what an inside meal—more than just a meal, with thanksgivings and prayers and community time—will happen or what it will look like, but eventually it will happen. And we’re going to need help. If you’re interested in helping cook, clean, prep, or serve at some point in the near future, contact Mike Davis, Edith Heller, or email outreach@gracestlukes.org.
Quick Links

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The Prayer List

Our prayers are asked for Brad Larson, Patty McManus, Kaye, John, Caroline Clay, Betsy Tate, Nancy Wilkerson, Kristin King, Charles Chandler, Michael Wills, Jake Seymour, Alymarie “Dooney” Twele, Annelise Ware Simmons, Felix Dae Sanders, Deborah Lowe, Amanda Adams, Bill Russell, Tom Wyatt, Susan Williamson, Peggy Mulherin Williamson, Madeline Mathis, Jason, and Carolyn Gardiner.

Our prayers are asked for those who have died, especially Kathie Blankenstein, cousin of Anne Ayres, Beauregard “Beau” Jackson Branyan, son of Brooke McMullen and Richard Branyan, and those who have died from coronavirus.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially Jack Bagwell, Evelyn Bartkiewicz, Alan Cline, Sudie Colvett, Brian Eason, Juan Fuentes, Rebecca Goff, Hannah Goodfellow, Sophie Goodfellow, John Houseal, Lauren Maddox, Brenda Maguire, Bruce Orpet, Rhoda Phelps, Jennie Robbins, Betsy Sanders, Claudia Sichting, Joey Sichting, Henry Wells, Mary Morgan Whitfield, and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, especially David & Candy Jefcoat and Liam & Amy White.

Prayer List and Prayer Requests. To submit a prayer request for the Prayer List, you may contact Parish House Receptionist & Ministry Associate Abby Huber (ahuber@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6336) or complete the online Prayer Request Form (gracestlukes.org/prayerrequest). Names of persons, who have given consent for names to be printed, will be listed for one month, unless a longer period is requested. While certain concerns may be confidential between the clergy and the individual, others may not be. If you are wondering about an individual, please contact the individual directly or a member of the clergy. Intercessions are offered daily by the clergy and lay pastoral care ministers and reflected in the worship service leaflet.
Lent 2021 at Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
“Light in Deepest Night”
A Lenten Meditation based on the Writings of Julian of Norwich

Sunday, March 28, 5:30 p.m. Grace-St. Luke’s musicians and clergy offer a prerecorded service of choral music and spoken meditations based on the writings of Julian of Norwich, compiled and set to music by Aaron David Miller

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Faith, Be Our Light in Deepest Night
Faith, be our light in deepest night,
Spirit of good, our endless day.
Blest be your holy trinity,
You are the goodness of all things.

Oh, Love How Deep
Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake!

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Prayer
God almighty, loving father,
Christ all wisdom, loving mother,
with the love and goodness of the Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord.
In our creation and your incarnation, you joined and united yourself with us.
In union with you, we are your true spouse and beloved wife with whom you are never displeased.
For you say to us, “I love you, and you love me, and our love will never divide in two.”
Grant that our hearts may constantly abide in your loving union
that we may delight, praise, thank, and endlessly rejoice in Christ our Savior and tender mother,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, are endless love and eternal delight.
Amen.
Living Prayer
Make my life a living prayer.
May I flourish in your sight.
Make me life a living prayer.
Where there is truth and wisdom, there is love.

I am known to you in times of sickness.
I am known to you in times of feebleness.
I am known to you in times of darkness.
I am known to you in times of loneliness.

You are endless truth,
endless wisdom,
Love beyond all fear.

Make my life a living prayer.
May I flourish in your sight.
Make my life a living prayer.
Where there is truth and wisdom, there is love.

Lead us into fullness of joy
Lead us into fullness of joy. You are our hope for endless bliss. Be our keeper.
By love you made us. In love you shape us. Through love preserve us. For love intend us.

Mothering God, you gave me birth
Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
 grain of new life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

God our father, Christ our mother
God our father, Christ our mother, father guides as mother nurtures.
Father, font of every being, Mother Christ, the heart of mercy.

Spirit give us grace abundant. Spirit grant us peace and comfort.
Mother Jesus grant us peace and joy. Bear us to your heavenly bliss.

Mother Jesus, love’s fair grace, Lay us gently on your breast.
Grant us through your open side, Blessed life and endless love.

Mother Jesus still the same. Love unchanging ever near to us.
Guard us safe to heaven’s bliss.
Sweet Light
Sweet light from Jesus face, shining clear, shining bright, we do not fear the coming night,
keep our hearts in purest light.
Eternal day shines in your face, where we rest, safe in grace. We rise and fall in your eternal day,
touched by your gracious hand, our life, our love, our light.

O Trinity, O blessed Light
O Trinity, O blessed Light, O unity of sovereign might: as now the fiery sun departs,
shed holy light within our hearts.

To you our morning song of praise, to you our evening prayer we raise;
to you in awe we bend the knee from age to age, eternally.

All glory be to God above and to the Son, the prince of love, and to the Spirit, One in Three!
We praise you, blessed Trinity.

Chaconne
God our maker, God our keeper, God our lover, God our wisdom, God our endless joy.

Tree of Life
Tree of Life and awesome mystery in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn.
We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea.
Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing, give us faith to love your word.

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.
God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath.
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